

[Translation]

Opening of Doordarshan Centre, Chandigarh

5255. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open a Doordarshan centre at Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A suitable site for the proposed Programme Generation Facility Centre at Chandigarh has already been taken over. The normal lead time for implementation of a project of this magnitude is about two years from the start of civil works at the site.

- (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Expert Panel to Assess New Value Added Services

5256. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR: Will the Minister

Statement

List of value added Telecom Services identified by the Working Group for 9th Five Year Plan period in the Country

Category	Name of the service
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I. Existing Value Added Services	(i) Cellular Mobile Telephone Service
	(ii) Radio Paging Service
	(iii) Public Mobile Radio Trunked Service
	(iv) Electronic Mail Service
	(v) Voice Mail/Audiotex
	(vi) Videotex
	(vii) Video Conferencing
	(viii) Closed Users Group (CUG) 64 kbps Domestic Data Network Service via INSAT Satellite Systems.
	(ix) Credit Card Authorisation
	(x) INTERNET
II. New Value Added Services (to be introduced during 9th Plan)	(i) Pay Phone Services
	(ii) Home banking/tele-banking
	(iii) Automatic Teller Machine
	(iv) Global Positioning System
	(v) Multi-media Services

of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expert panel which was set up to assess the requirement of new value added services in the telecom sector in the Ninth Plan period, has submitted its reports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Panel?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The expert Working Group headed by Member (Technology), Telecom Commission which was set up by Planning Commission to assess the requirement of new valued added services in the Telecom Sector in the 9th Plan Period, has submitted its report.

The group has identified 12 new Value Added Services for introduction and 10 existing Value Added Services for expansion during the 9th Five Year Plan Period. The group has also identified 5 services as emerging Value Added Services envisaged to be at the experimental/development stage by the end of 9th Plan. List of Services identified in the three categories is given in the statement attached.